

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/604,086

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment dated 9/21/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,4,6-11, renumbered as 1-8.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the applicant's amendment dated 9/21/2005.

The applicant cancelled Claims 1, 3 and 5.

Claims 2, 4 and 6-11 are pending.

Response to Amendment

1. In view of the applicant's combining of Claims 3 and 5 with Claims 2 and 4, and the amendment to new independent Claim 6, the examiner withdraws the rejections of Claims 2, 4 and 6 under 35 USC 102 and 103.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2, 4 and 6-11 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: As per independent Claims 2, 4 and 6, the reference art of Lai and Manning teach a packet command driven method and device for testing a DRAM by passing data in a normal mode and an error indication in test mode to the outside via assigned DQ data lines. However, the prior arts of record taken alone, or in combination failed to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the claimed invention or the method steps of the application. Specifically, the prior arts failed to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious the limitation introduced into these claims, namely: subject claims are drawn to comparators which provide an error output based on 4 bit sections of an 8 bit data path in a packetized format, and a combining of the comparator outputs of 8 bits, in

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a serialized manner on one output data pin. Consequently, Claims 2, 4 and 6 are allowed over the prior arts of record. Claims 7-9 are directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 6, and therefore are also allowable over the prior arts of record. Therefore, in view of Claims 10 and 11 being previously allowed, Claims 2, 4 and 6-11 are allowed, and are renumbered as Claims 1-8.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John P. Trimmings whose telephone number is (571) 272-3830. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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